

REMARKS

Claims 10 and 18-20 have been cancelled. Claims 1-9 and 11-17 have been amended to clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention. Claims 1-9 and 11-17 are pending.

Claims 2-9 and 11-15 have been amended in a manner believed to overcome the claim objections. Claims 1, 16, and 17 have been amended in a manner believed to overcome the rejections based on 35 USC 101. Specifically, claims 1, 16, and 17 have been amended to recite performing a predetermined responsive action if the second behavior is different from the first behavior, which is a concrete and tangible result.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-10, 12-13, and 16-17 under 35 USC 102(e) based on Tajalli and claims 11, 14-15, and 18-20 under 35 USC 103(a) based on Tajalli in light of Shah.

The rejection is respectfully traversed. With respect to claim 1, the claim has been amended to recite that “the operational information includes a list of one or more resources accessed by the process in the course of a normal and permitted operation; and the database is used by the process in the course of said normal and permitted operation to enable the process to access said resources in an optimized manner”. Tajalli describes a behavior based security system but is silent as to how the allowed behaviors are determined. Tajalli [0053]-[0066]. Shah describes prefetching application code to optimize performance. However, neither Tajalli nor Shah teaches using a database of information used by a process in the course of its normal and permitted operation to determine an allowed behavior of the process, as recited in claim 1 as amended. As such, claim 1 is believed to be allowable.

Claims 2-9 and 11-15 depend from claim 1 and are believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above.

Claims 16 and 17 have been amended to include the additional limitations added to claim 1. Therefore, claims 16 and 17 are believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above.

The foregoing amendments are not to be taken as an admission of unpatentability of any of the claims prior to the amendments.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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